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- 1. ATTENTION
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1. FOR PAOS, PLEASE NOTE: ALL ARTICLES ARE KEPT FOR A MONTH AND CAN BE FAXED OR POSTED AT POSTS' REQUEST. SEND REQUESTS BY E-MAIL TO BROOKESA@STATE.GOV

2. CHAD

\*\*\* LE MONDE 4/20/2006

- "PRESIDENT DEBY LAUNCHES ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN AND PURSUES REBELS",
- "OUR RESPONSE TO ARMED AGGRESSION IS TO RESPECT SCHEDULED DEMOCRATIC OBLIGATIONS", interview of President Deby by Philippe Bernard

\*\*\* LE FIGARO 4/19/2006

- "WE ARE GOING TO RE-ARM", interview with President Idriss Deby in Ndjamena
- "COMMON GRAVES IN NDJAMENA", by Patrick de Saint Exupery

\*\*\* LE MONDE 4/19/2006

- "FRENCH ARMY OFFICERS TALK OF THEIR MISSION IN CHAD", by special correspondent in Ndjamena Philippe Bernard

\*\*\* LA CROIX 4/19/2006

- "FRANCE SHOULD ENCOURAGE CHADIAN DIALOG", interview with Ndjamena Bishop by Laurent d'Ersu

\*\*\* LE FIGARO 4/18/2006

- "FRENCH MILITARY GAVE HELP TO CHADIAN GOVERNMENT", by special correspondent in Ndjamena Patrick de Saint Exupery

\*\*\* LA CROIX 4/18/2006

- "US LEAN HEAVILY ON IDRIS DEBY", by Catherine Rebuffel
- "NDJAMENA LIVES IN FEAR OF NEW VIOLENCE",
- "CHADIAN REGIME DROPS ULTIMATUM" by special correspondent in Ndjamena Laurent d'Ersu

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- "IDRIS DEBY CALMS DOWN TENSION", signed C.A.

\*\*\* LE MONDE 4/18/2006

- "NDJAMENA BREAKS UP RELATIONS WITH SUDAN", by special correspondent in Ndjamena Philippe Bernard

\*\*\* LE FIGARO 4/17/2006

- "CHAD IS THE STAKE OF A TRIANGULAR CONTEST (BETWEEN PARIS, WASHINGTON AND PEKING)", by special correspondent in Ndjamena Patrick de Saint Exupery

\*\*\* LIBERATION 4/17/2006

- "IDRIS DEBY RESORTS TO OIL BLACKMAIL", by Christophe Ayad

\*\*\* LE MONDE 4/16-17/2006

- "FRANCE HELPED CHADIAN GOVERNMENT AGAINST REBELS"
- "NDJAMENA BLAMES KHARTOUM, ORDINARY CHADIANS CRITICIZE PARIS", by special correspondent in Ndjamena Philippe Bernard
- "AN IMPORTANT, BUT NOT ESSENTIAL, PART OF THE FRENCH MILITARY PRESENCE IN AFRICA", by Laurent Zecchini

\*\*\* LE FIGARO 4/15-16/2006

- "CHAD BREAKS WITH SUDAN", signed T.B.
- "CHAD IS A LABORATORY FOR POST-FRANCAFRICA", opinion column by Pierre Prier

\*\*\* LIBERATION 4/15-16/2006

- "IDRIS DEBY TEMPORARILY OUT OF TROUBLE", by correspondent in Ndjamena Stephanie Braquehais

3. SENEGAL

\*\*\* LA CROIX 4/19/2006

- "GUINEA BISSAU KICKS OUT CASAMANCE REBELS", by correspondent in Dakar Christine Holzbuer

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\*\*\* LE FIGARO 4/15-16/2006

- "COCOA FEEDS IVOIRIAN POLITICAL CRISIS", by Mark Boller in  
Abidjan

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